



**APPROVED MINUTES
SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.
Lobby Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall
456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale 94086**

CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeanine Stanek; Vice Chair David Squellati; Comm. Mark Johnson (arrived late); Comm. Mike Michitaka; Comm. Dale Mouritsen; Comm. Amrit Verma

Absent: Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan

Staff Present: Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner; Joey Mariano, Recording Secretary

Council Liaison: Jim Griffith

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of September 5, 2012

Chair Stanek noted modifications she had suggested through email prior to the meeting.

Vice Chair Squellati requested further corrections to grammar and sentence structure.

Comm. Mouritsen made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 5, 2012 with modifications. Vice Chair Squellati seconded. Motion carried 3-0, with Comm. Verma and Comm. Michitaka abstaining, and Comm. Vaidyanathan and Comm. Johnson absent.

Comm. Johnson joined the meeting.

Council Liaison Griffith, the Commissioners and Staff discussed the preparation and review of minutes.

Mr. Kuchenig noted that an effort will be made to distribute the draft Minutes earlier than the current procedure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Welcome new Commissioner Mike Michitaka

Comm. Michitaka introduced himself and shared his background and interests in serving the community.

Each of the Commissioners introduced themselves and shared their background.

3. Selection and Ranking of Potential Study Issues for 2013

Chair Stanek summarized the study issue process, and noted the three potential study issues for ranking.

Mr. Kuchenig gave an overview of the study issues and the procedures. He noted the City Council public hearing date on January 8, 2013.

CDD 12-02: Possible Nomination of Non-Residential Properties to the Heritage Resource Inventory

Mr. Kuchenig summarized the study and noted that it was deferred in 2012. Staff has recommended deferral for this year.

Comm. Johnson and Mr. Kuchenig discussed windshield surveys.

CDD 13-10: Financial Assistance for Property Owners of Heritage Resources Structures

Mr. Kuchenig summarized the study issue and noted that a component of this study includes exploring relocation of heritage resource structures to another location such as Heritage Park. The Mills Act was also explained. He further noted that staff recommends deferring this study issue.

CDD 13-11: Examination of Commercial and Residential Structures Located Downtown for Possible Inclusion in the City's Heritage Resource Inventory.

Mr. Kuchenig summarized the study. He noted that this study is similar to CDD 12-02, but is more specific to the downtown area. He noted that a windshield survey would also be conducted for this study. Staff's recommendation is to defer this study issue.

Comm. Michitaka asked staff to clarify who originated the study. **Mr. Kuchenig** explained the general process of study issues.

The commissioners and staff discussed how properties are added to the Heritage Resource list and the different roles that the City and property owners may take.

Comm. Michitaka and **Mr. Kuchenig** discussed how the hours and costs are estimated.

Comm. Johnson discussed with **Mr. Kuchenig** the staff recommendation to defer Study Issue CDD13-10, the meaning of “staff” in the study issue papers, and the general write-up process.

Comm. Michitaka and **Mr. Kuchenig** discussed the timeframe and process for a structure is to go through the Heritage Resource nomination process and the role of the owner in the process.

Chair Stanek discussed the 100 block of Murphy Avenue as an example to clarify Comm. Michitaka’s inquiry.

Comm. Mouritsen and Mr. Kuchenig discussed locations to move heritage structures.

Comm. Mouritsen noted that if the location is Sunnyvale Orchard Heritage Park, that it may negatively impact the character of the park.

Chair Stanek opened the public hearing.

Mr. Kuchenig clarified the proposers for CDD 12-02 and CDD 12-04.

Chair Stanek closed the public hearing.

Chair Stanek clarified with staff regarding the process to rank the proposed study issues.

Comm. Mouritsen moved to drop CDD 13-10. Vice Chair Squellati seconded.

Comm. Mouritsen pointed out that an element of the study issue may result in negative impacts to Heritage Park through the loss of more orchard trees.

Vice Chair Squellati reiterated that staff currently performs some of the tasks noted in the study, such as seeking available grants, and that this study issue may not be financially feasible at this time.

Comm. Johnson explained that he would like to allow City Council the ability to consider this issue, and would vote against the motion.

Council Member Liaison Griffith noted that all study issues will be brought forward to City Council, regardless if it gets dropped by this Commission.

Mr. Kuchenig clarified that since the study issue was initiated by this Commission, and if dropped; it would be removed from consideration by the City Council.

Motion carried 5-1 to drop CDD 13-10, with Comm. Johnson dissenting and Comm. Vaidyanathan absent.

Vice Chair Squellati made a motion to defer CDD 13-11, Comm. Michitaka seconded.

Vice Chair Squellati noted it is more important to focus on CDD 12-02 because staff has conducted some of the research already. He stated that CDD 12-02 is more important at this point in time, and would like to defer CDD 13-11.

Motion carried 5-1 to defer CDD 13-11, with Comm. Johnson dissenting and Comm. Vaidyanathan absent.

Chair Stanek asked for a motion to rank, drop, or defer CDD 12-02.

Commissioners collectively made a motion to rank CDD 12-02 as one of one remaining study issues for consideration. Motion carried 6-0 with Comm. Vaidyanathan absent.

Mr. Kuchenig described study issue ESD 13-05, and that it may not be in the purview of this Commission. He further explained the idea of an ecodistrict.

The commissioners and staff discussed the Heritage Preservation Commission's potential role in the study. **Mr. Kuchenig** explained the City policies that promote sustainable development, such as solar panels and green building requirements.

Vice Chair Squellati noted his preference for incentives, rather than requirements for home owners.

The Commission took no action on this item.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Stanek stated that she attended the City Council meeting on October 16 and summarized the outcome of the Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale study issue. She also noted to staff that most of the recommendations she has given regarding the context statement were not included. She offered to work with staff with the corrections submitted by this Commission, and hoped that the context statement could be corrected prior to publishing on the website.

Chair Stanek stated that she is hoping to hear from more ethnic groups to add to the context statement. She requested that all commissioners seek more information to contribute.

Comm. Johnson noted his current contact with an African American community member who used to instruct at De Anza Community College. He noted a published book that may have information regarding Sunnyvale and will try to retrieve that for the context statement.

Comm. Michitaka talked to the Imahara family, and was not aware of their history in Sunnyvale. He noted that a son of Mr. Imahara has a store in Cupertino and that there is a book regarding the family's personal history. He noted that he will try to retrieve the book.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Mr. Kuchenig stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Chair Stanek asked Council Liaison Griffith to comment on upcoming items at the City Council.

Council Liaison Griffith noted upcoming items to be reviewed by the City Council, including a potential ban on Styrofoam containers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner